

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 540, Temporary Debt Limit Extension Act.

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 25, South Utah Valley Electric Conveyance Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S915–S966

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2017–2033, and S. Res. 355–359. **Pages S947–48**

Measures Passed:

Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act: Senate passed S. 1254, to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Nelson) Amendment No. 2741, to make a minor technical correction. **Page S961**

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 81, providing a correction in the enrollment of S. 25. **Page S963**

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 82, providing a correction in the enrollment of S. 540. **Page S963**

National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 350, designating February 14, 2014, as National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Booker) Amendment No. 2742, of a perfecting nature. **Page S963**

Reid (for Booker) Amendment No. 2743, to amend the preamble. **Pages S963–64**

Commending the Seattle Seahawks: Senate agreed to S. Res. 358, commending the Seattle

Seahawks for winning Super Bowl XLVIII and the 12th Man for their critical support. **Page S964**

Majority Party's Committee Membership: Senate agreed to S. Res. 359, to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S964**

Measures Considered:

Bipartisan Budget Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that S. 1963, to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, be returned to the calendar. **Page S936**

Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1982, to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans. **Pages S936, S940**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Beth Labson Freeman, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California. **Page S940**

House Messages:

Temporary Debt Limit Extension Act: By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 34), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 540, to temporarily extend the public debt limit. **Pages S933–34**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 67 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 33), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill. **Page S934**

South Utah Valley Electric Conveyance Act: By 95 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 35), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 25, to ensure that the reduced annual cost-of-living adjustment to the retired pay of members and former members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62 required by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 will not apply to members or former members who first became members prior to January 1, 2014. **Pages S934–35**

Appointments:

National Commission on Hunger: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 113–76, the appointment of the following individuals to be members of the National Commission on Hunger: Ricki Barlow of Nevada, Cherie Jamason of Nevada, and Dr. Mariana Chilton of Pennsylvania. **Page S964**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the adjournment or recess of the Senate from Thursday, February 13, 2014, through Monday, February 24, 2014, the Majority Leader and Senators Warner and Levin be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S964**

Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S964**

Water Resources Reform and Development Act—Conferees: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senator Sanders be appointed as a conferee to H.R. 3080, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources. **Page S964**

Pro Forma—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn and convene for pro forma sessions only with no business conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session,

Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, February 14, 2014, at 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, February 18, 2014, at 10:30 a.m.; and Friday, February 21, 2014, at 10:30 a.m.; and that the Senate adjourn on Friday, February 21, 2014 until 2:00 p.m., on Monday, February 24, 2014. **Pages S964–65**

Meyer Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey Alker Meyer, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut. **Page S939**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, February 24, 2014. **Page S939**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 5:00 p.m., on Monday, February 24, 2014, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided and controlled in the usual form, prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Pages S964–65**

Moody Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of James Maxwell Moody, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas. **Page S939**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jeffrey Alker Meyer, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut. **Page S939**

Donato Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of James Donato, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California. **Pages S939–40**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of James Maxwell Moody, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas. **Page S940**

Freeman Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Beth Labson Freeman, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California. **Page S940**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of James Donato, of California,

to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California. **Page S940**

Connor Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader with the concurrence of the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the following nomination: Michael L. Connor, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior; that there be 20 minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote without intervening action or debate on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S961**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 30), Tina S. Kaidanow, of the District of Columbia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

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By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 31), Daniel Bennett Smith, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research).

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By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 32), Catherine Ann Novelli, of Virginia, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years.

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Catherine Ann Novelli, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment).

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Kevin W. Techau, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

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Andrew Mark Luger, of Minnesota, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

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Robert L. Hobbs, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Texas for the term of four years.

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Gary Blankinship, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years.

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Amos Rojas, Jr., of Florida, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years.

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Peter C. Tobin, of Ohio, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio for a term of four years.

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Anthony Luzzatto Gardner, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to

the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

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Robert A. Sherman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic.

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Brad R. Carson, of Oklahoma, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

William A. LaPlante, Jr., of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

72 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, and Army.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Todd A. Batta, of Iowa, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Maria Cancian, of Wisconsin, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services.

D. Nathan Sheets, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Mark Sobel, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

Francis Xavier Taylor, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security.

R. Jane Chu, of Missouri, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts for a term of four years.

Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years.

Victoria Reggie Kennedy, of Massachusetts, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2016.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

11 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—35)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:46 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, February 14, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S964–S965.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL POLICY FROM STATE EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE PROGRAMS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy concluded an oversight hearing to examine lessons for Federal policy from state efficiency and renewable programs, after receiving testimony from Senator Shaheen; William E. Taylor, Texas State Energy Conservation Office Director, Austin, on behalf of the National Association of State Energy Officials; Mike Rothman, Minnesota Department of Commerce Commissioner, Saint Paul; Mark Glick, State of Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism State Energy Administrator, Honolulu; Steven Nadel, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE), Washington, D.C.; Randy Clark, NORESO, Richmond, Virginia; and William A. Rodgers, Jr., GoodCents Holdings, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia.

MAP-21 REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) reauthorization, focusing on the economic importance of maintaining Federal investments in our transportation infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Donohue, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Richard L. Trumka, AFL-CIO, Michael W. Hancock, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, T. Peter Ruane, American Road and Transportation Builders Association, and Jay Timmons, National Association of Manufacturers, all of Washington, D.C.

FISHERIES TREATIES AND PORT STATE MEASURES AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine fisheries treaties and Port State Measures Agreement, after receiving testimony from Senators Whitehouse and Murkowski; David A. Balton, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for

Oceans and Fisheries; Russell F. Smith III, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Rear Admiral Frederick J. Kenney, Judge Advocate General, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Mark H. Gleason, Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers, Seattle, Washington; Mark P. Lagon, Georgetown University, and Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C.; and Raymond Kane, Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance, Chatham, Massachusetts.

EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine extreme weather events, focusing on the costs of not being prepared, and limiting Federal fiscal exposure and increasing the nation's resilience, after receiving testimony from David Heyman, Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy, and Caitlin Durkovich, Office of Infrastructure Protection, National Protection and Programs Directorate, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Mark Gaffigan, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Collin O'Mara, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control Secretary, Dover; Paul H. Kirshen, University of New Hampshire Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space, Durham; and Lindene Patton, Zurich Insurance Group, Ltd., Washington, D.C.

INDIAN LAW AND ORDER COMMISSION REPORT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Indian Law and Order Commission Report, focusing on a roadmap for making Native America safer, after receiving testimony from Kevin K. Washburn, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Timothy Q. Purdon, United States Attorney, District of North Dakota, Department of Justice; Troy A. Eid, Denver, Colorado, and Affie Ellis, Cheyenne, Wyoming, both of the Indian Law and Order Commission; and Tami Truett Jerue, Anvik Tribal Council, Anvik, Alaska.

PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES OVERSIGHT BOARD REPORT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the report of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board on Reforms to the Section 215 telephone records program and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, after receiving testimony from David Medine, Chairman, and Patricia M. Wald, Rachel L. Brand, James X. Dempsey, and Elisebeth Collins Cook, all a Member, all of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board.

BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR IMPROVING U.S. ELECTIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine bipartisan support for improving United States elections, focusing on an overview from the Presidential Commission on Election Administration, after receiving testimony from Robert F. Bauer, and Benjamin L. Ginsberg, both a Co-Chair, Presidential Commission on Election Administration.

SENIOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Special Committee on Aging to examine the challenges and advantages of senior entrepreneurship, after receiving

testimony from Tameka Montgomery, Associate Administrator for Entrepreneurial Development, Small Business Administration; Kenneth Yancey, SCORE, Herndon, Virginia; Conchy Bretos, MIA Senior Living Solutions, Miami, Florida; and Elizabeth Isele, SeniorEntrepreneurshipWorks.org, Amissville, Virginia.

NOMINATION

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Maria Contreras-Sweet, of California, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Feinstein, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2014 in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 13, 2014**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert O. Work, to be Deputy Secretary, and Michael J. McCord, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary (Comptroller), both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine enhancing our rail safety, focusing on current challenges for passenger and freight rail, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nominations of Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, and Janice Marion Schneider, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, both of the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph William Westphal, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Douglas Alan Silliman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, Matthew H. Tueller, of Utah, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen, and Mark Gilbert, of Florida, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Independent State of Samoa, all of the Department of State, 2 p.m., SD-419.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Friday, February 14

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Friday, February 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2014 in pro forma session.



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